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TOFAS NO. 28. 1. FUEL SUPPLY SITUATION IN AGRICULTURAL AREA
CONTINUES NORMAL. TO DAMPEN INPUT COST PRESSURES, GOA HAS
RAISED AMOUNT EARMARKED FOR FUEL COST REFUNDS TO FARMERS TO
AS 487 MILLION IN 1974, FROM AS 387 MILLION IN 1973.

2. CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF AUSTRIAN OIL ADMINISTRATION,
BAUER, TOLD PRESS LAST WEEKEND THAT FOR THE TIME BEING
OIL COMPANIES WILL REFRAIN FROM PETITIONING FOR
ANOTHER INCREASE IN OFFICIALLY FIXED GASOLINE AND DIESEL OIL
PRICES FROM LEVELS SET FEBRUARY 22, ALTHOUGH THEY ARE NOW
GROSSING LESS FOR HEATING OIL WHICH IS IN SURPLUS AFTER A
MILD WINTER. WARNING AGAINST UNDUE OPTIMISM, BAUER SAID
LAST YEAR'S SUPPLY CRISIS WAS "NO BLUFF" AND BY NO MEANS WHOLLY
OVERCOME. EXPERTS DO NOT PRECLUDE POSSIBILITY OF RENEWED OIL
SHORTAGES IN NEAR FUTURE, HE STATED.
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